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Proclamation

*Frieda and Winifred Parker
Purdue Boilermakers*

- Whereas, Frieda and Winifred Parker were pioneers in the fight to integrate student housing at Purdue University in the 1940s; and
- Whereas, their fight for equity and inclusion, along with their father, was for students of color to have all the advantages of campus living; and
- Whereas, the Parker sisters' history at Purdue was marked by a "never-give-up" attitude propelled by their family of educators; and
- Whereas, the Parkers were among the first Black women to move into the Bunker Hill residence halls in 1947; and
- Whereas, the Purdue University Griffin Residence Hall has been renamed the Frieda Parker Hall and Winifred Parker Hall by the Purdue Board of Trustees;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. Dennis, Mayor of the City of West Lafayette, do recognize the week of August 30, 2021, in alignment with the beginning of Purdue University's fall semester, as

Frieda and Winifred Parker Week

in celebration of their work toward equity and inclusion in a university setting. Their persistence opened doors for future Boilermakers and cemented their place in Purdue University's history.